



General Meeting

Saturday 4th February 2023 @ 5pm



AGENDA

- **Acknowledgment of Country**
- **Minutes of previous General Meeting 3rd December 2023**
 - Matters Arising
- **Financial Reports**
 - November & December 2022. P&L, Balance Sheet, Cash Movement
- **Ongoing Sub-Committees**
 - Hall Management
 - Safety Advisory Group – Paul Toohey
 - Potential changes to other Sub-Committees
 - Fundraising & Events – Karina Stafford / Lynne Lillico
- **Two short term working groups**
 - Review of PBPA Constitution & Guidelines
 - Communications Overview
- **Welcome to New Members**
- **Community Group updates**
 - Environment. (PBEG)
 - Dune & Bush Care
 - Arboretum
 - Plodders
 - Aboriginal History Group
- **Rural Fire Service**
- **Farewell**
- **Other Business**
- Questions from the floor

Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather in the name of the Pearl Beach Progress Association we acknowledge the GURINGAI people as the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet, and pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.



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Finance Report

Treasurer : Amanda Winley

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Profit & Loss

November & December 2022

Income	November	December	YTD
Subscriptions	\$ 60	\$ 155	\$ 5,695
Donations	\$ 11,538	\$ -	\$ 11,630
Fundraising	\$ 2,405	\$ 13,426	\$ 20,101
Government Grants	\$ -	\$ 2,777	\$ 11,940
Hall Hire	\$ 590	\$ 480	\$ 8,320
Events	\$ 8,726	\$ 2,863	\$ 27,693
Other	\$ 59	\$ 2,075	\$ 2,544
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,378	\$ 21,776	\$ 87,922

Expenses

General	\$ 1,010	\$ 4,922	\$ 7,331
Hall Rates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,727
Hall Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,670
Hall Other	\$ 1,448	\$ 379	\$ 9,929
Event Expenses	\$ 2,427	\$ 4,400	\$ 9,178
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,093	\$ 5,176	\$ 7,633
Grant Expenses	\$ 279	\$ 5,675	\$ 64,052
Bank Charges	\$ 74	\$ 84	\$ 473
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,331	\$ 20,636	\$ 119,994

* Note: Use of cash accounting vs accrual accounting in prior years has resulted in a mismatch of income over expenditure year on year

Surplus of Income over Expenses \$ 17,047 \$ 1,140 **\$(32,072)** *

Balance Sheet - 31 December 2022

Assets

Bank Accounts	\$	135,349	
Trade Debtors	\$	2,980	
Land	\$	1,400,000	
Buildings	\$	232,790	
Furniture & Fittings	\$	12,780	
Plant & Equipment	\$	4,328	
		Total Assets	\$ 1,788,227

Liabilities

Sundry	\$	651	
PBSAG	\$	4,687	
		Total Liabilities	\$ 5,338

NET ASSETS	\$ 1,782,888
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Cash Movement - November 2022

Opening Balance	\$	118,210
Total Cash Movement	\$	11,738
Closing Balance	\$	129,948

Cash Movement - December 2022

Opening Balance	\$	129,948
Total Cash Movement	\$	5,401
Closing Balance	\$	135,349

Hall Management

Convenor : Victoria Crawford

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Hall Management

Scope of Sub Committee : Capital Works, Maintenance, Hall Hire

MAINTENANCE

- Monday 20TH February: WORKING BEE : contact Paul Barclaire - cleaning of external building. Some minor painting, Reviewing storage, Relocating paint and gas bottles.
- Fire compliance - pursuing confirmation of required works to ensure compliance.
- Kitchen - new signs in place for operation of stove and dishwasher. Planned stocktake and purchase of items if needed.
- Minor maintenance - quotes requested - clearing of roof, keeping bamboo clear of passageway, mowing grass outside war memorial blowing leaves into a pile and placing in green bin (or perhaps a volunteer for these last two jobs).
- Plus a couple of one off jobs - clearing of leaves in skylights over deck, high cleaning inside hall
- Quote requested to eradicate leak around skylight



HALL UPGRADE

- Quotes received for floor – oil treatment is about \$10,000
- Internal painting and improved use of space – Suggested changes will be canvassed with members
- Plan of works to be developed with budget
- Proposed higher fence by neighbour - 7 Diamond Rd. Karina met with him and looked at more detailed proposals. Will ask for samples of materials to be used. He will pay the full cost.

Safety Advisory Group (PBSAG)

Convenor: Paul Toohey

PBSAG – February Update



Community Support Centre (CSC)

- Lean-to shed : Just requires painting
- Successful launch / Opening on Sunday 11th Dec – Media Release
- Spearpoint Water Access License – Matter to be resolved within the next few weeks (Minister Andersons & Premier's Office)
- NSP (Neighbourhood Safer place) – Operations manual being written. Volunteers required – see Paul. Presentation material is on back deck
- Current \$9k shortfall to be covered by special Premier's grant + Bunnings sausage sizzle fund raiser on 5th Feb



Neighbourhood Alert Program

- Street Contacts contacted their neighbouring residents in Dec/Jan to update records. Slow responses received due to holiday period – expect to finalise in February .
- Provided Neighbour Alert information and Fridge Magnets with Neighbour Alert Bulletin to Pearl Beach Real Estate (ACCOM) and Coast Reality. Also, provided them with a supply of our Red Bag Welcome packs for new owners.



Mobile Phone Reception Issues

- Letters received 14 Dec 2022 from Dr Gordon Reid MP and Fed Minister for Communications Michelle Rowlands – confirmed PB eligible for grant under Peri-Urban Mobile Program (PUMP) – Govt provide grants to Telcos for upgrading tower coverage.
- Letter sent by PBPA to Communications Alliance – group representing major Telcos, seeking their assistance in presenting the PB mobile phone issue to the Telcos.....Telcos need to agree and fund 50% of upgrade costs.



Defibrillators

- AED Cabinets maintenance up to date.

Beach Safety

- NO CHANGE : Proposed walkway over rocks to rock pool (Awaiting Pete Richardson)
- Rock Pool was cleaned 10th Dec
- CCC declined to provide Lifesaver for PB over Xmas/New Year & Jan holiday periods
- Council's Craig Healy and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club's Louise Lambert ran a number of very successful beach safety events over holiday period



Community Fire Unit

- Training recommences Saturday 25th February 3pm at the RFS Brigade
- NEW MEMBERS wanted – if interested please contact Paul Toohey or Lindsay Boyd (Brigade Captain)

Speed Limit and Shared Use Zone

Council supportive but awaiting the issue of Transport NSW's updated street speed limit policy (Q1 2023). Meantime, there has not been any action by Council. Three other suburbs have also applied for 40K speed limits which will have to be prioritised due to CCC budget constraints.



Funding Raising & Events

Karina Stafford / Lynne Lillico



What happened over the Holidays

Community Christmas Carols

Friday 23 December

A large crowd gathered in the Pearl Beach Arboretum, enjoying a sing-along with the Pearl Beach Singers, and over 100 children gave Santa Tom a huge welcome receiving a special treat !



Family Bingo



Organised by Malcolm McDonald on Thursday evenings during four weeks. Locals, families and visitors crammed into the Memorial Hall enjoying competitive games including double and triple winnings. After cash prizes and expenses over \$1,000 proceeds toward upkeep and maintenance of the Memorial Hall.



Summer Reading Book Fair **Wednesday 28th December**

Pearl Beach Summer Holiday Book Sale was a great success with a selection of novels, fiction, biographies, children's, puzzles. Over \$2,000 was raised and a big thank you to Alison Phillips and many volunteers.

'Recent Holiday Activities' **Fun & Games were enjoyed !** pearlbeachprogress.org.au

Family Discos

Families enjoyed disco fun dancing to cool tunes having a great time!!



Beach Safety

Presented by the CC Council Surf Life Saving, Pearl Beach Progress Association & Safety Advisory Group over three weeks, at the beachfront.

Louise Lambert (Ocean Beach Surf Club) and Craig Healy (Council) commented it was very encouraging - good roll up of children with their parents at all events.



Louise advised that in a walk to the northern end of the beach she encouraged a family with children to relocate to the southern end for their safety. Visitors obviously not aware of PB surf danger!

A toddler was playing unsupervised on the water edge at high tide near Agate...mother up on the sand. Louise believes she saved the child's life as it would have been only a matter of time before the child would have been taken in by the surf.

Family Bush Dance

Held later in January, attendance was disappointing possibly due to reduced holiday rentals. Music provided by locals 'The Pearlys'



Australia Day

Australia Day celebrations at Pearl Beach, managed by the Pearl Beach Progress Association have had a long tradition, however due to the Covid 19 Virus in recent years activities have been scaled down.

A variety of family activities including the traditional **BBQ Sausage Sizzle** proudly sponsored by Pearl Beach Real Estate with proceeds to Mingaletta Youth Program. A large gathering of locals and visitors enjoyed beach races and Sand Castle building competition. Thank you to Malcolm McDonald, Peggy Todd and many volunteers who helped make the day so successful and enjoyable.



DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY – COMING EVENTS 2023

www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au

'Clean up Australia Day' – Pearl Beach

Sunday 5th March 2023

0830am registration

Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Road, Pearl Beach

Gloves, hat and covered shoes recommended

Contact: Stephen - 0448 751 595



Support Stephen and join with volunteers to keep our beautiful environment clean and safe!

'Opera in the Pearl Beach Arboretum'

Saturday 11th March 2023

3.00pm – 5.30pm

Bookings – www.trybooking.com/CEAUX

Proceeds toward Rotary Charities



'Easter Saturday Book Fair'

Saturday 8th April 2023

9am – 5.30pm

Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Road, Pearl Beach

Wide selection of books including fiction, kids, home, food, music & CD's. 'Back Deck Cafe' and 'Homemade by Locals Stall'. Enquires: Alison 0487 444537



Proceeds toward Pearl Beach initiatives and Memorial Hall maintenance and upkeep.



Two short term Working Groups

Review of PBPA Constitution & Guidelines

Convenors - Victoria Crawford

- Recommended to be done every 2 years
- To ensure consistency to NSW Fair Trading
- Group is reviewing current constitution and consolidating proposed changes
- Will revert with suggestions for the March 2023 General Meeting
- Final versions of revised documents to be submitted to the May 2023 General Meeting with a motion for approval
- Invitation for any member of the PBPA to raise any concerns or suggestions to vfc1951@gmail.com

Communications Overview

Convenors - Lynne Lillico & Karina Stafford

- 2nd meeting held in Feb
- Representatives from Executive Committee, Fundraising & Events Sub-committee, The Gem, The RFS, Arboretum & Tennis
- Looking to ensure that the right message is going to the right audience with the right frequency
- Ensuring the right channel is used for the right audience
- Agreed upon responsibilities & timelines
- Further actions required eg. Map on Amenities block, QR magnets for rental homes etc



New Members



New or Returning Members – February 2023

Anthony Maestri



Community Group Updates

- > PBEG
- > Dune and Bush Care
- > Arboretum
- > Plodders
- > Tennis
- > Aboriginal History Group

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4-12 March 2023

An invitation to stop using balloons in Pearl Beach



Proposed Craft workshop to explore alternatives: Date and Time
TBA

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<https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/>



Draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land

Comments close 1 March 2023. Mainly impacts on Tennis Courts & Arboretum



Our Coast, Our Waterways

Community survey closed – register to stay updated

eventbrite

Order #5670322859

Public Hearing Woy Woy: Draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land **Woy Woy Public Hearing Ticket**



Multi Purpose Room, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy, NSW 2256, Australia

Tuesday, 7 February 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm (AET)

Free Order

Free public hearing 7 February – book online

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Written and compiled by qualified
environmental consultant (& artist)
Christine O'Brien

Hard copy only available for
purchase \$4.99

pearl beach environment group

- a natural & cultural inheritance -

Pearl Beach village has spectacular scenic qualities set in a small, friendly, caring community which enjoys living in the middle of a national park - Brisbane Water National Park.

Thanks to the stewardship and foresight of previous generations, a remarkable diversity of plants and animals still exists here.

For many thousands of years the traditional Aboriginal owners and custodians of the land - the Darkinjung people - combined fishing and harvesting animals in the sheltered bay and fertile sandplain.

In March 1788 when the first Europeans

(Governor Phillip and crew) rowed ashore at the southern end of the beach, the Aborigines helped to pull up their boats.

For the next 130 years, because of its isolation and difficult access, our sandplain escaped clearing and colonial settlement. Some trees were cut in the 1850s by Rock Davis (a ship builder and early landholder), and in the 1880s by timber-getters for the Sydney-Gosford Railway line, but the area remained uninhabited.

In 1921 the Rock Davis Estate was bought by real estate developer Charles Staples, who subdivided it into 570 blocks and cut a road (now a cliff path) below Mt Ettalong.

Still 'Pearly' remained largely undeveloped - in 1950 there were only 90 dwellings.

Today the village has around 600 blocks, but as most streets and properties retain a natural tree cover, native animals have something in which to feed, shelter and breed. Thus, our wildlife includes an impressive array of rare and threatened species (eg koalas, quolls, glossy black cockatoos and rock warblers).

Pearly's natural heritage has inspired many artists, musicians, poets and writers. Help ensure this rich heritage is passed on to future generations to enjoy - by sharing and protecting our unique plant and animal communities.

an environmental gem to pass on ...



The male satin bowerbird is a regular garden visitor, - he collects blue trinkets and loves blueberry ash trees

In recognition of the significance of our village and its environmental and historic features, Pearl Beach is listed by the National Trust (NSW). Many well-known environmentalists have settled in Pearl Beach and contributed to its conservation, including Minard Crommelin, Lois Westlake and Vincent Serventy.

To ensure this proud conservation tradition continues in the community, our overview is presented as a reference for use by all residents and visitors.

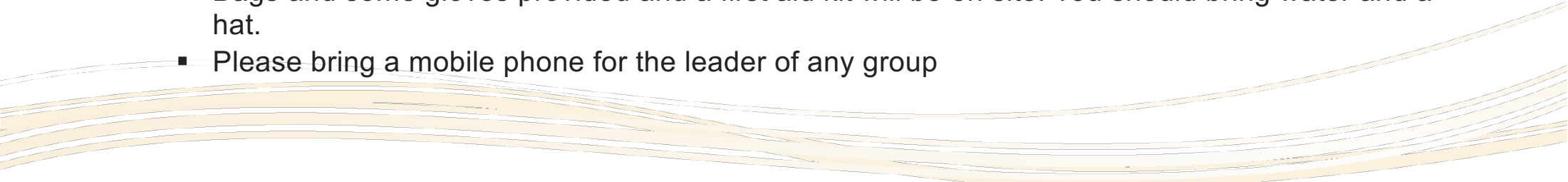
We hope the guide helps everyone understand and appreciate the high environmental and aesthetic values of our village, its wildlife and setting - surrounded by sea and national park.



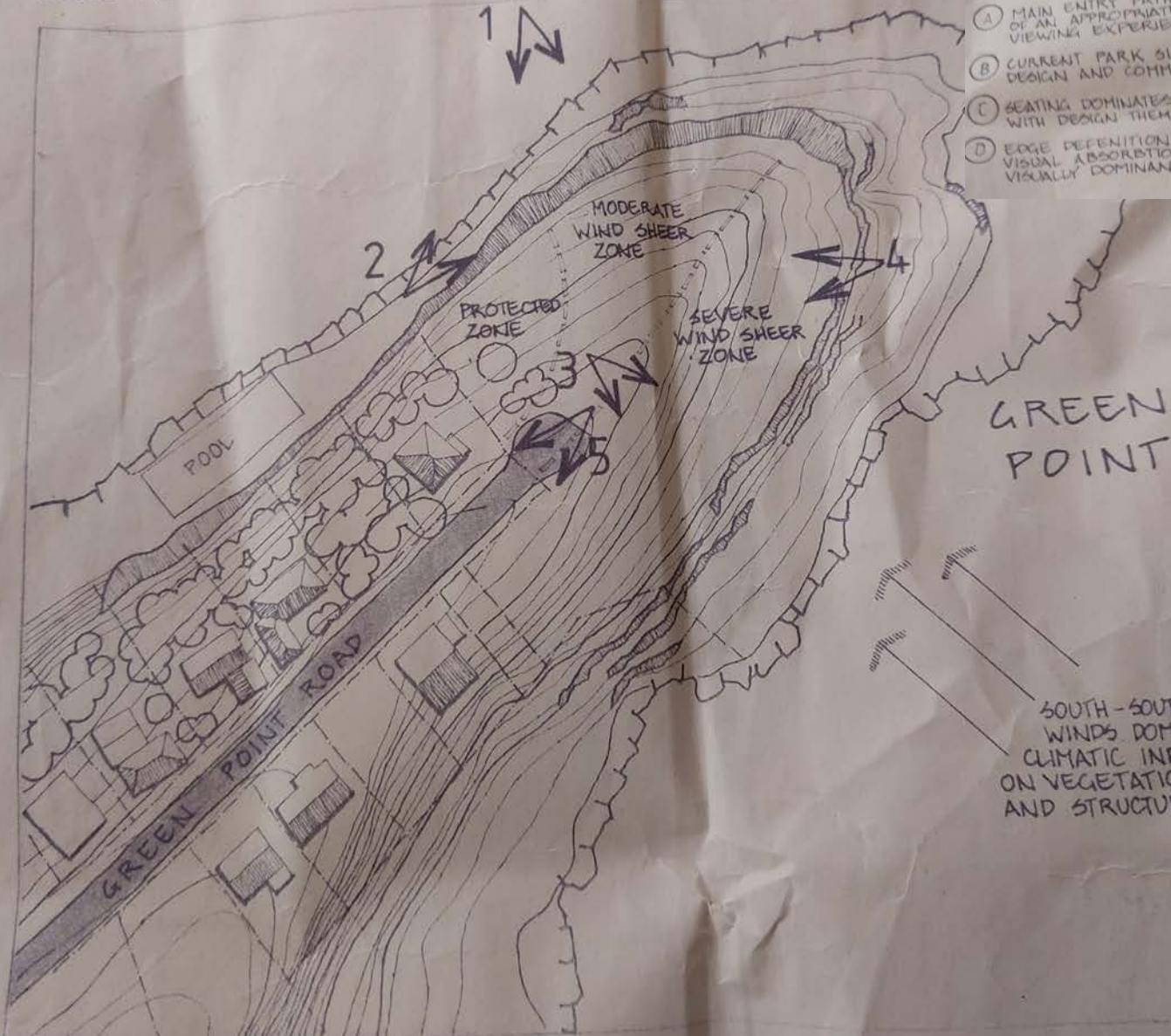
A male stick insect can be mistaken for a couple of leaves

Dune & Bush Care

2023 kicks of :-

- **February 4th -> 9am North Coral Crescent**
 - Weeding out front with some pigface planting using clippings
 - Target weed Mother of Millions and Asparagus Fern
 - Long sleeves, hat and water please
 - **March 4th -> 9am Paul Landa Reserve**
 - Note : parking space at the top is very limited
 - **March 5th -> 8:30am Registration at the Hall**
 - **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA**
 - Every year about 16 folk make a great effort to ensure Pearl Beach streets and adjacent roads are cleaned up. Also cleaning up the beach of loose lines and hooks.
 - Bags and some gloves provided and a first aid kit will be on site. You should bring water and a hat.
 - Please bring a mobile phone for the leader of any group
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Scale 1:1000



- (A) MAIN ENTRY PATH REQUIRES A HIGHER LEVEL OF DETAILING AND DEFINITION. PLANTING NEEDS TO BE OF AN APPROPRIATE SCALE TO ACT AS A BACKDROP TO HARD ELEMENTS AND PROVIDE A VIEWING EXPERIENCE FROM SITE.
- (B) CURRENT PARK SIGN OBTAINED BY BOLLARDS AND PLANTING NEEDS TO REVIEW SIGNAGE IN KEEP WITH DESIGN THEME OF PARK.
- (C) SEATING DOMINATES LOCAL LANDSCAPE SETTING. SEATING FORM AND COLOUR REQUIRES REVIEWING IN WITH DESIGN THEME OF PARK.
- (D) EDGE DEFINITION OF PARK REQUIRES HIGHER LEVEL OF DETAILING. LANDSCAPE CURRENTLY HAS VISUAL ABSORPTION CAPACITY HENCE ELEMENTS SUCH AS SEATS, SIGNS AND BOLLARDS BECOME VISUALLY DOMINANT.

SOUTH-SOUTH EAST
WINDS DOMINANT
CLIMATIC INFLUENCE
ON VEGETATION FORM
AND STRUCTURE.



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ARBORETUM

<https://www.pearlbeacharboretum.org.au/>

- Seeking more volunteers for Working Bees
(3rd Sunday of each Month, 9 – 11.30am)
- Next Working Bee is Sunday 19 February 2023.
- Also there is a working bee most Thursday mornings 9 – 11 am.
- Also seeking expert advice on ecological and creek management issues.
- We have completed a Management Plan for the Arboretum
Awaiting Council feedback.
- We are considering preparation of a landscape masterplan.
- We are exploring a new larger verandah for the Cottage (outdoor learning area)
- And a replacement for our collapsed boardwalk.


Pearl Beach Plodders

Pearl Beach Plodders resume 'plods' on Tuesday 21st February with a gentle walk through the Sensory Garden at The Entrance. Walks held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Times and details sent to those on my email list, and posted in hall notice board the week prior.

Plodders are heading off to Mudgee for 6 nights from Monday 27th February with walks planned in The Goulburn River National Park and gentler 'plods' around Mudgee. A winery lunch is included and Happy Hours together at Elington Manor, one of the 4 Getaway Cottages booked.

Information about Plodders see Bev Lapacek (0439623818)

STOP PRESS : 1 Queen sized bedroom has become available for the Mudgee trip (Suitable for a single person or couple). The room is in the 4 bedroom / 2 ½ bathroom cottage. Contact Bev if interested





AUSTRALIA DAY



287 Sausages
sold



AUSTRALIA DAY



Leisl Tesch MP
Woy Woy NSW
Delivers a stirring Australia
Day Address

AUSTRALIA DAY



Thanks to
Pearl Beach Real Estate
\$1,400.00 was raised for The
Mingaletta Early Intervention
Education Program



Pearl Beach

RURAL FIRE SERVICE (RFS)

LINDSAY BOYD

CAPTAIN

PEARL BEACH
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VALE
Tom Sarti

Sadly we lost a good friend of Pearl Beach on Sunday 8th January, 2023

Tom migrated to Australia from London 1951 with his parents, they started out from the migrant hostel in Dundas, his first job was with Australian Abrasives .

Then in 1953 he joined the the RAAF where he learnt to fly, a stint with Schwepps , then into the Insurance industry, the highlights a posting with Skandia to Hong Kong later Papua New Guinea, Kaula Lumpa, Perth, and Gosford with Queensland Insurance .

He retired from the workforce at Pearl Beach in the early 90s . He was the treasurer for the PBPA for 18 years and most of those years delivered the Gem newsletter over the whole beach and knew where every box was hidden.

His health declining so he and Pim moved to Ettalong to a smaller villa and occupied himself with his racing friends his maths and computer. He loved a party a glass or two of wine and a good chat, He died with Pim in mid sentence at home, without pain or drama.

On behalf of those who knew Tom we send our loving thoughts to Pim and family. I am personally going to miss him, we shared many happy and interesting times.

Lynne Lillico



- **Other Business**

- Questions from the floor

THE END - THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

